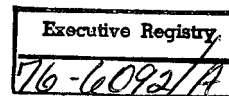


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Honorable Dick Clark, Chairman
Subcommittee on African Affairs
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Since the Senate has confirmed Mr. George Bush as my successor, I think it would be inappropriate for me to appear before the Subcommittee as a spokesman for the Agency to discuss the matters raised in your letter of 8 January 1976.

You noted in your letter that Secretary Kissinger will be testifying before the Subcommittee and I understand that testimony is now scheduled for this Thursday. He will undoubtedly cover the foreign policy aspects of this subject. I think it would be most inappropriate for me or any Agency representative to testify in open session on the questions involving possible CIA operational activity raised in your letter.

Please accept my apologies if there has been any inconvenience caused by me with respect to these hearings. If you should have further questions which you wish to direct to the Agency following Dr. Kissinger's testimony, I believe this would be a subject best addressed to Mr. Bush once he has assumed office or to General Vernon Walters in the interim.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby

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Director

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